Denial of visa to US scholars

1708. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of US scholars have been denied visa to India; if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) how many scholars from US and Europe applied for study visas in India, alongwith the list of those given permission and the subject of their research; and

(c) the list of those US/European scholars who were denied visa and the subject of their research?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) As per available information, out of 926 proposal of research projects received during the year 2006 from foreign nationals of all countries, approvals for 742 research proposals were conveyed. Of these approvals, 67 cases were from US scholars as sponsored by United States Education Foundation in India (USEFI). 9 research proposals of USEFI were declined after due consideration of the sensitivity of the research proposal within the prescribed guidelines. A list containing details of these scholars and the subjects is at Statement.

Statement

Details regarding scholars and subjects

Sl.No.	Name of the scholar	Subject
1	2	3
1.	Mr. Banwari Benlal Kedia	Prospects and Problems of outsourcing for India's economic growth: An in-depth analysis.
2.	Ms. Ruth S. DeFfries-Bajpai	Is tourism a win-win for local livelihoods and forest ecosystems in the Central Highlands of India.
3.	Mr. Tariq S. Tapa	The Imaginary Princess: A Muslim girl's story.
4.	Ms. Christina P. Davis	Language ideologies in Mumbai (Bombay) schools.

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5.	Mr. Saha Souvik	India's Energy Security.
6.	Ms. Keya Mitra	Liberation versus Exploitation: Women's struggle for Empowerment.
7.	Mr. Quinlan B. Bowman	Democratization in Kerala: The role of Association.
8.	Mr. Forrest D. Fleischman	Political Empowerment and Biodiversity protection in Kerala.
9.	Mr. David Asher Ghertner	Green Evictions: The politics of land privatization and access in Delhi, India.

Sealing of schools In Delhi

1709. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of schools sealed and the number of students affected during the recent sealing drive in the national capital city;

(b) what is the fate of the affected school children deprived of their education facilities;

(c) whether it is a fact that some residential properties, where people were residing, have also been sealed; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY) : (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.